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SENATE WILL PASS THE BILL

Prohibition Measure's Fate Rests With Committee Now Considering It.

ACTIVITY IS SHOWN LOCALLY

Hackfeld & Co. Gives Liquor Men Hardest Slap They Have Yet Received.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, February 4.—There will be more hearings before the senate committee on the Curtis bill, providing prohibition for Hawaii, the first vote to report the Johnson bill favorably having been reconsidered when it was proposed to substitute the Curtis bill, which is stricter in its terms. The next hearing will be on Friday next, when those opposing the proposed legislation will be heard.

The result before the committee at the present time appears to be very doubtful. A favorable report to the senate will ensure the passage of the bill by the senate.

The opposition expected before the committee will take the form of a protest against the taking away from Hawaii of the local right to legislate on the subject of prohibition.

WALKER.

"What possibility prohibition passing?" was the question asked by The Advertiser yesterday to its Washington correspondent, the answer, received last night, being as given above.

The kernel of the cable information is contained in the words: "A favorable report to the senate will ensure the passage of the bill in the senate." At the time the last congressional party was in Hawaii it was stated by several of the members that should the Curtis bill be passed by the House, the House would also pass it, and it would become law.

Local Activity.

Yesterday was a day of great activity on the part of both the advocates of prohibition and of those strenuously opposed. The anti-liquor league held one of the biggest meetings in its history and steps to strengthen the hand of John G. Wadley, the league agent at Washington, were taken. The members of the league appeared to be very sanguine of the ultimate success of their agent.

The members of the wholesale and retail branches of the liquor dealers' association were busy calling upon members of the chamber of commerce to urge them to vote against the enactment of the principle of home rule embodied in any possible action by congress touching the liquor situation.

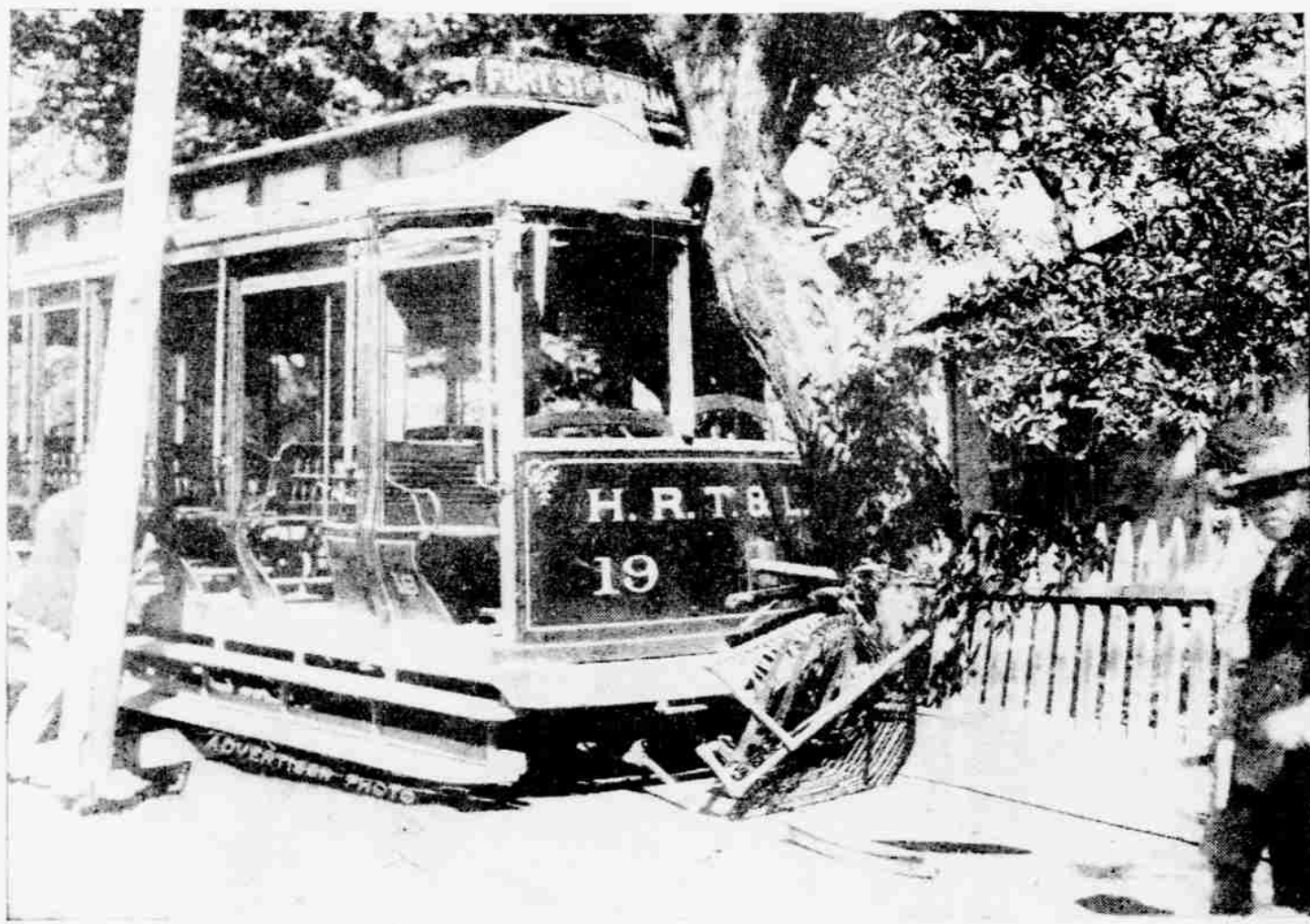
Swift and Unexpected Jolt.

The liquor dealers received a swift and unexpected jolt in their respective funds to finance their anti-prohibition campaign, this being not only a refusal on the part of Hackfeld & Co. to contribute, but a withdrawal on the part of that firm from the association altogether. The withdrawal being based on the grounds that the firm could not afford to continue in company with dealers who have their association pledged to George Hodel, manager of the anti-prohibition department of the big firm, stated the reasons of Hackfeld & Co. action as follows:

"We simply feel that we do not want to remain in association with those concerns which are advertising liquor and are selling to blind pigs. There was a great understanding among the dealers with the liquor men, and that no sales should be made to blind pigs. It was not long ago that I do not see why the liquor men should not see in such a matter, and that it is an arbitrary power."

There are about a thousand dealers in the islands selling liquor. The general offices collect the tax from each one. It was understood that if the action would not do any good, the dealers would not do any good. However, the understanding was not carried out by all and we are told that it was connected with the liquor men which falls in such a manner.

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RAPID TRANSIT CAR 19, WHICH JUMPED THE TRACK ON ALAPAI HILL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND CRASHED INTO A TREE.

MAJOR RAY IS OFF FOR COAST

Sudden Orders Yesterday Result in His Departure on Transport.

Maj. Beecher B. Ray, paymaster, U. S. A., who has been stationed in Honolulu for more than a year, received sudden orders yesterday morning relieving him from duty here and transferring him to the mainland. He departed on the transport Logan last evening, accompanied by his clerk, Edwin S. Gee, Mrs. Gee accompanying her husband also. Major Ray recently returned from the Coast where he went on leave of absence, in order to place Mrs. Ray in a sanatorium. Mrs. Ray's illness is more acute according to recent advices, and the major felt that his duty was to be as near her as possible. The same order which transferred Major Ray to the Coast, also brought authority for Major Hains to remain here as paymaster, although Major Hains expected to leave for the Coast on the Logan.

Major Ray has been popular in army circles and among civilians. He came here from the Philippines and expected to remain here at least two years before returning to the mainland. Major Ray is a close friend of President Taft, and was with Mr. Taft while he was making his campaign. He is a member of most of the large railroad men's organizations, and has more influence in their councils than the public generally realizes. Major Ray is credited the honor of having turned a large portion of the railway vote for Taft in the last presidential campaign. Major Ray entered the pay corps in 1898, an appointee of President McKinley, with whom the major was also on close personal terms, as he was also with the late Mark Hanna.

While regretting the departure of Major Ray, Honolulu is fortunate in having Major Hains on duty here.

Lieutenant Colonel Woodward, Inspector General, who has been on an annual run of the military posts here, also departed for San Francisco, accompanied by his clerk, Captain Porter, Coast Artillery, who has been on duty at Fort Ruger, Diamond Head, and also departed for San Francisco, to undergo a medical examination at the Presidio Hospital, Captain Porter's wife is already in San Francisco, and the big automobile, boxed and loaded, was shipped on the transport. It looks as if Captain Porter may not return to duty here.

Capt. M. N. Falls, depot quartermaster, departed for the Coast accompanied by Mrs. Falls. The captain will enter the Presidio Hospital to undergo medical treatment for facial neuritis. Captain Castner, assistant quartermaster, has been assigned the duties of depot quartermaster in the absence of Captain Falls. Lieutenant William F. Hill, Cavalry, also departed for San Francisco. Mrs. McDonald, wife of the Sixth Infantry, and Mrs. Hastings and the other passengers left on the transport.

The Logan arrived yesterday about midnight from Manila, via Naga. It was announced immediately that the vessel would leave at five o'clock, and officers and enlisted men were called to stretch their legs for the first time. The First Cavalry is aboard the transport. The Logan flew a large pennant of the social sciences. The pennant is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Smith, Colonel of the Fourteenth Infantry. It also has passengers. The trip was devoted to the social sciences.

When the Logan pulled out from the harbor last evening the band of the United States Marine Corps was playing, and when they were through the harbor the Washington continued on its way.

STREET CAR JUMPS RAILS

Several Passengers Injured in a Rapid Transit Accident Yesterday.

BRAKE FAILED TO RESPOND

Car Missed High Jump, but Ran Over Sidewalk and Through Pole Into Tree.

Several persons were injured and a severe one or more less bruised and shaken up as the result of an accident on a Honolulu line Rapid Transit car yesterday, shortly after noon. The car sped down Lanialilo hill with a broken brake, jumped the track on the curve and slammed into a tree.

A man named Higgins, who has a broken collarbone, is the most seriously injured.

Rapid Transit car 19 got beyond the control of Motorman Purdy shortly after one o'clock yesterday afternoon and sped down Lanialilo hill from Hackfeld to Alapai at a terrific rate, efforts to "slow" the car being useless. The car jumped the track at the Alapai hill curve, just missed plunging over the pumping station embankment into the area twenty feet below, swerved to the Waikeiki side of the street, crashed into a telephone pole, which was broken off at its base, and then surged on.

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MOANA GUEST MAY BE HERE FOR JAPANESE

Purser of Asia Thinks Passenger May Represent Japan in Thetis Incident.

One of the passengers who arrived on the Asia yesterday evening was Montague Kirkwood, who is supposed to be one of the legal advisers of the Japanese government, according to the purser of the boat. Mr. Kirkwood and his wife went immediately to the Moana upon arriving and retiring early to rest from the fatigue of the trip, could not be seen, but his presence here is supposed to be for the purpose of keeping an eye on the developments in the Thetis incident. The Asia left Yokohama on the 25th, immediately after the news of the Thetis capture was wired to Japan, and it is thought that he was dispatched immediately on the Asia to follow the matter up as there is a big gun in the steamer service that would have held him until the preliminary investigations were finished. The officials at the Japanese consulate profess no knowledge of any official connection with Mr. Kirkwood, but have with their government and he himself registered from England.

Consul General Ochoa, representative of the M. K. in Honolulu, has received as yet no orders from his government to take any more official notice of the Thetis incident than he would of any other incident involving a subject of Japan. He has money and will make no examination into the matter unless he receives instructions later from the home government.

POLITICS PLAYS HOB WITH LAWS

No Building, Milk, or Sanitary Ordinances Because They Might Cost Votes.

There seems to be a prospect that Honolulu will have a building ordinance commensurate with her needs in the near future. The supervisors are at work on such an ordinance now and the agitation started in The Advertiser bids fair to bring forth some results.

When Building Inspector Mehlstein first took office a year ago he called the attention of the city fathers to the necessity for a building ordinance and prepared a rough draft which he submitted to Supervisor Aylett, who as chairman of the health committee of the board, is supposed to have charge of such things. But Aylett had not got over the idea that he was in office for the sole and express purpose of playing politics and as he could not see where a building ordinance would strengthen his political fences, he paid no attention to the matter.

Aylett's excuse for passing up the building ordinance at the time was that he could not see the sense of passing any such ordinance when all fees collected must go to the Territory. Therefore the ordinance went into a pigeonhole.

Since that time desultory attempts have been made to secure some legislation, but no one seemed to have sufficient interest to put the matter through. From time to time the necessity for some legislation which would lessen the danger from disastrous fires has been pointed out, and on each occasion those upon whom it fell to provide such legislation let the matter slide.

As a matter of fact Quinn is about

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WIRELESS MESSAGE SAVES PASSENGERS

Relief Reaches Sinking Ship in Time to Rescue Those on Board.

CHARLESTON, February 4.—A wireless message was received from the steamship Kennebec stating that she was sinking off Cape Hatteras with seventy-five souls on board. The steamship, Alamo, was at once dispatched, and bearing the sinking steamer, rescued the imperiled seamen.

DR. STOKES IS THE NEW NAVAL SURGEON GENERAL

Succeeds Rixey as Head of the Medical Department.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—Charles F. Stokes will be named as surgeon general of the navy in place of Surgeon General Rixey, who is retiring. Surgeon Stokes was the center of a lively controversy at the time of the late of the battleship fleet around the world, when the President put him in command of the battleship fleet.

MONEY FOR OAKLAND.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—The war department has recommended the appropriation of \$10,000 for the improvement of Oakland harbor, with \$25,000 annually for maintenance. It also asks for the appropriation of \$500,000 immediately to dredge a thirty foot channel.

ROBERTSON HAS BEEN CONFIRMED

Cable From Washington Says Terms of All Judges Are Assured.

DELAY CAUSED SOME ANXIETY

Advertiser Correspondent Sends Official News of Senate's Action.

(Special Cable to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, February 4.—"All the judges nominated for the courts of Hawaii have been confirmed and their terms are assured."

The above cable was received here yesterday from Ernest G. Walker, the Washington correspondent of The Advertiser, and puts an end to all doubt as to the confirmation of A. G. M. Robertson. Mr. Robertson has not yet received official notification of his confirmation, but as he got a cablegram last week from the Delegate, telling him that his nomination had been confirmed, he says that he expects to receive his commission by mail some time next week.

On account of the long delay in the official notification of Mr. Robertson some of his friends were getting a bit nervous, fearing that something might possibly have happened to hold up his confirmation. There now appears to be nothing to worry over, however, and it is probable that Robertson will take the oath of office some time next week.

H. H. WALKER TO SUCCEED Z. K. MYERS

On the 15th of this month H. H. Walker, for sixteen years identified with the staff of the banking house of Claus Spreckels & Co., will succeed Zeno K. Myers, who retires from the Hawaiian Trust Company, to take the management of a trust company in Honolulu.

"Hobie" Walker is one of the best known young men in the city and is held in the highest respect by the community. He has a commanding presence and unquestioned ability in matters relating to finance. His knowledge of local conditions is a personal asset which will facilitate his performance of the duties which may fall to him as Mr. Myers' successor.

In business circles the acquisition of Mr. Walker by the Hawaiian Trust Company is looked upon as a master stroke and one which can not fail to add to the recognized strength of the institution for, besides being capable, he is genial, and consequently popular with the business men. He was born in Honolulu and received his education in the Old Fort Street school and at Oahu College. He is the son of the late John S. Walker, once prominent in the affairs of government under the monarchy and closely associated during his lifetime with William G. Walker, former Bishop married Mr. Walker's sister and another sister is the wife of F. W. Kibb, of H. Hackfeld & Co.

LECKENBY STILL IS BOOSTING FOR HAWAII

A. B. Leckenby has written from Australia that he soon hopes to return here. He writes as follows:

"There is a little bird now known as the fairy (Rhipidura flabellifera) that is the dearest little creature that I have ever met. In the first place it lives only on flies and insects. It comes into the houses and cleans out the flies and appears to understand the mysteries of doors and windows, and enjoys human association. If you talk to it, it answers by dancing with its wings and spreading its tail in front of you and singing a low sweet song. 'Without words.' Met with in the fields it is most effective in its welcome and will accompany you for long distances. This little bird could easily be introduced here, and I think with care could be got to the islands, and might prove very useful."

The other good thing is a grapevine (Albany Suriana) seedling from Isabella. The plant resembles Isabella in foliage and growth, but is much more vigorous and appears to be immune from all the troubles of insects and light. The bunches are medium to large, with large, nearly round berries, of black, rich flavor, slightly tangy, less so than its parent. It has excellent keeping and shipping qualities, a good table grape, and might not be hampered with the Japanese beetle. I can grow cuttings and plants at nominal cost."

FIGHT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

NEW ORLEANS, February 4.—Johnny Condon and Jim Keadon have been matched to fight for the world's bantamweight championship. The fight will come off February 18.

MURDERS FAMILY.

FERTIG'S FALLS, Minn., February 4.—A farmer in the suburbs of this city today murdered his wife and four children, after which he committed suicide. The motive for the terrible crime is unknown.

MEDICAL WARES DESTROYED BY FIRE

Great Storehouse of Army at New York Falls Prey to the Flames.

LOSS EXCEEDS ONE MILLION

Consignment of Goods for Panama Is Among the Supplies Burned.

NEW YORK, February 5.—Fire yesterday destroyed the main warehouse of the army medical supply department for this department. The contents of the great warehouse were totally destroyed and the loss to the government will exceed \$1,000,000. Among the goods destroyed were medical supplies for Panama valued at \$10,000. The Panama consignment had been packed ready for shipment.

The storehouse was packed with inflammable goods and when the fire once gained headway it was impossible to combat it with any degree of effectiveness. Though every effort was made to extinguish the blaze, nothing could be accomplished and both warehouse and contents were reduced to total ruins.

INSURGENT GUNBOAT BOMBARDS GREYTOWN

Shore Batteries Force Ship to Retire However.

MANAGUA, February 5.—The insurgent gunboat Ometepe yesterday bombarded Greytown, but was disabled by the shore batteries and forced to retire. Earlier in the day the forces of General Estrada, the insurgent leader, captured the town of Boaca, twenty-five miles from the capital.

During the earlier stage of the trouble the commander of a British gunboat at Greytown informed the insurgents that he would not allow any fighting to be carried on in the city, and that the city must not be bombarded. The United States authorities issued the same order with regard to Bluefields.

FIRST BODY RECOVERED FROM THE WRECKED MINE

Water Will Be Pumped From the Shaft Today and Rescue Work Continued.

CERRY, February 5.—The first body to be recovered from the wrecked St. Paul mine was brought up yesterday in good condition. There are still thirty-two bodies at the bottom of the level which is filled with 2,000,000 gallons of water. Pumping will be begun today and as soon as the shaft is dry the remaining bodies will be recovered.

OPIUM SEIZED ON BOARD CHIYO MARU

One Hundred and Ninety-five Tins Confiscated.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 5.—One hundred and ninety-five tins of opium were seized on board the Japanese liner Chiyo Maru by the customs authorities here yesterday.

LOVERING IS DEAD.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—Representative Lovering died here today.

Three Bonstedt, a platoon of marines on the U. S. S. California, had not a sleep but two well last night, sat upon the given end of the ship and Bonstedt and Raver, torpedoes backwards and knocked a hole in the back of his head. After struggling in this interesting sequence of events he was taken up by Police Officer Trip and sent to the Queen's Hospital.

W. G. Calhoun, was arrested last night and booked at the Police Station for investigation. He had been found drunk in a rig and was placed in custody to await an indictment.

The A. H. S. S. Nevada sails from San Francisco for Honolulu direct, carrying passengers and freight.